



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Oldham et al.

Serial No.: 10/783,720

Filed: February 19, 2004

For: CASING AND LINER DRILLING
BITS, CUTTING ELEMENTS THEREFOR,
AND METHODS OF USE

Confirmation No.: 7639

Examiner: T. Bomar

Group Art Unit: 3672

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-74 and 179-186, without traverse.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statements

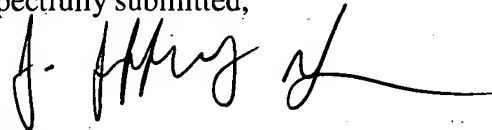
Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statements filed with the Office on February 19, 2004, June 27, 2005, and August 26, 2005,

and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 forms be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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